The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : எதோடு சேர்த்தாலும், இப்பொழுது ரூ. 12 அதிகப்படியாக கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது. வாத்தியார்களிடையே இதுபற்றி எந்தவிதமான குழப்பமோ கலவரமோ இருப்பதாகத் தெரியவில்லை. அடிப்படை சம்பளத்தோடு சேர்க்கப்படாமல் வேறு விதத்தில் இருந்தாலும், அவர்களுக்கு ரூ. 12 அதிகமாக கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது.

Integration of Highways, Public Works and Irrigation Departments

* 550 *Q.*—Sri P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the proposal for integration of Highways, Public Works and Irrigation Departments, was first taken up for consideration ; and

(*b*) how long it will take to arrive at a decision on the question and to evolve a plan?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) In November 1957.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration. As this is a very important question involving changes in the administrative set-up of the Public Works Department, it will take some more time for the Government to work out the details of the scheme and take a final decision.

Mr. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

(1) BILLS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. SPEAKER : I have to announce that the Governor of Madras has given his recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari), Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) and Estates (Supplementary) (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

(2) BILLS PASSED BY THE COUNCIL.

Mr. SPEAKER : I have also to announce that the Madras Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Bill, 1958 (L.C. Bill No. 7 of 1958), as passed by the Legislative Council on the 23rd September 1958, has been received for the concurrence of the Assembly.

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF ARTICLES OF FOOD AND MEDICINE.

Mr. SPEAKER : I have received notice of an adjournment motion from the hon. Member Sri T. L. Sasivarna Thevar. The motion reads as follows :—

'In view of the exorbitant increase in prices of various articles of food, foodstuffs, medicinal food, food provisions, and baby food, and subsequent . . . .'

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It should be 'consequent'.

MR. SPEAKER : I am only reading from the notice of adjournment motion.

' . . . non-availability of the above articles, the business of the House may be adjourned in order to discuss this urgent public matter of importance'.

Prices, in my opinion, did not increase yesterday or the day before. Prices have been rising for some time back. It is a continuous matter and not a matter that has arisen suddenly. Besides, several questions on this subject have been asked and answered recently in this House. Therefore, I do not give permission to this adjournment motion.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 23 (1) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I move—

That rule 23 (1) of the Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Goevrnment business on Thursday, the 25th September 1958.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

That rule 23 (1) of the Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government business on Thursday, the 25th September 1958.

The motion was put and carried.

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : When will we have a non-official day in lieu of this non-official day?

MR. SPEAKER : I think the hon. Member must have got a copy of the circular containing the Business Advisory Committee's decision. On the 30th afternoon, non-official business will be transacted.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS ESTATES (ABOLITION AND CONVERSION INTO RYOTWARI), ESTATES LAND (REDUCTION OF RENT) AND ESTATES (SUPPLEMENTARY) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari), Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) and Estates (Supplementary) (Amendment) Bill [a], 1958.

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